

engaged in passenger trade to Rotterdam and Libau, and the trip to the first port will be made in seven and one-half days and to the last port in nine and one-half days. Besides the accommodation for passengers and freight the ship will carry the imperial Russian mail.—New York Herald.

NEW OCEAN-GOING MOTOR BOAT

Vessel Will Have Speed of Seventeen Knots and to Carry 1,600 Passengers

An 11,000-ton Trans-Atlantic "motor boat," with accommodations for four hundred cabin passengers, will enter New York harbor next September in the service of the Russian-American line, which maintains a service between this port, Rotterdam and Libau, Russia. The vessel is now being built on the Clyde. Though practically only a huge motor boat, the new ship will accommodate twelve hundred in the steerage, and will have room for eight thousand tons dead weight of cargo. There will be every appliance on board for the comfort and safety of passengers, and there will be little on the outside to tell of the change except absence of the usual smokestacks, which in a companion steam driven vessel are two, and a large number of ventilators to insure pure air at all times in the motor rooms.

When the engines are completed they will be shipped to Glasgow and installed, the power plant consisting of two motors coupled on each of three shafts driving three screws. This arrangement adds to the surety of the operation of the new ship and makes her much easier to handle when under way.

Approximately seven thousand horse-power will be developed by the six motors and the new ship will be driven at a speed of seventeen knots. This will make her the fastest vessel